

Summary of evaluations from “Hold on to your beach and bluff” workshop held September 18, 2004 in Des Moines. Evaluation forms designed and collected by Christina Faine, King County. Results summarized by Kathy Taylor, Puget Sound Action Team, 9/27/04. Approximately 50 landowners attended the workshop.

1. What part of the workshop was most useful?

All (8)

Elliott’s presentation (5)

Afternoon session. (2)

Good/Bad plants (1)

Class instructors (1)

Lots of ideas – sources for more information (1)

Understanding how to fix problems on slopes and prevention methods. (1)

Native Plants (1)

Plant ideas – vegetation. (1)

Understanding the change that’s naturally occurring to our property and Puget Sound as a whole. (1)

It was all very useful – thanks for the time and support that went in to it! (!)

Handouts, lectures. (1)

Bulkhead description, types of plants, no-nos. (1)

Erosion control. (1)

Geo history, pictures of plants, salmon impact. (1)

The afternoon talk (after lunch) was excellent. It told me that I was exactly wrong about how to maintain my bank. (1)

2. How did you find out about this workshop?

Mailing (14)

Flyer (5)

From a friend/neighbor (4)

Through Christina Faine (2)

Newspaper (1)

Burien City Newsletter (1)

Comments: I live in Denver and was able to fly in and catch the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the day.

3. Will you enact any of the suggestions presented in the workshop?

Yes (21)

Comments: As president of Hurstwood neighborhood, will pass on to them. Will think twice before pruning/removing trees in the future. ? Planting for erosion and stabilization. Most definitely – over time. Yes- vegetation; continued water removal. Planting with help of King Conservation. Yes – money and time willing. For sure. For certain. Yes—especially plantings. Replace blackberries – replant with erosion control. I hope so. Probably. Yes – have to figure out how/when to make changes. Will work on ivy removal and revegetation. Absolutely. I have a very high bank that needs some work – no house yet.

4. Do you feel that you have a different perspective on how Puget Sound shoreline owners affect the marine environment?

Yes (22)

Comments: Definitely (2). I understand importance of soil composition to prevent erosion and planting of trees for stability. Definitely didn't realize how fish were affected by shoreline construction etc. – what part we all play in endangered species. Kind of. Very good program. Salmon stewardship. Yes, good news. Yes, more of a same community – group effort. Some. A clearer understanding. 100%

5. Was the opening exercise interesting to you?

Yes (9)

Missed it.(3)

Don't know what this refers to. (3)

OK (2)

Slightly (1)

No (1)

Comments: Pins on maps? If so, yes. Useful to know where folks participating in the workshop are living to compare notes on property issues. Very eye-opening to each household impact. I liked the “key note” from Doug – very informative. Yes – other neighbors are concerned, too. Not really.

6. Were the maps helpful/interesting?

Yes (19)

Comments: Visual aids and maps were very specific. All good. Moderately. Not particularly – but maybe because time was not provided to look at maps and materials. Not clear in designations. Interesting, but not particularly relative to the class material. Would like a copy of #5. Missed this.

7. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest rating, please rate the usefulness of the material presented by Doug Osterman, the WRIA 9 Watershed Coordinator:

Actual numbers: 5,5, 5,5,5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 2, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5, 2, 5, 4, 5

Average: 4.5

Comments: Well presented, useful information. Entertaining, yet focused on serious salmon issues. Very informative and concise. Very good presentation, easy to understand. It would have been nice to have questions answered but no time allotted.

8. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the usefulness of the material presented by John Bethel, geologist:

Actual numbers: 5,5, 5,5,5, 5, 4, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 3, 5, 4

Average: 4.4

Comments: Not useful, but interesting – long perspective.

Good information on the geology of the areas (unreadable word) impact by humans

Loved the animation about wave action and the example of glaciers in relation to the Space Needle.

Visual aids helped support his talk. Another very good presentation with a lot of good information.

9. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the usefulness of the material covered by Elliott Menashe, low impact management specialist:

Actual numbers: 5, 5, 5, 5,5,5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5

Average: 4.9

Comments: Learned what not to do, also good slides for examples. Speaks at the interest level of attendees. Listens and understands questions. Wealth of knowledge and experience shared. Very informative. Yes, but abbreviated. Excellent.

10. Do you think there is a need for this kind of workshop?

Yes (23)

Comments: Absolutely. Extremely important information. Yes – It is easy to think you are doing the right thing, but make matters worse through ignorance. Everyone should be required to attend one – because if one property owner isn't aware of potential damage – it is all connected and should be a total effort to be effective. Yes!—more specific to area types. Yes –most property owners have limited knowledge of threat to bluff. Absolutely! I would love to learn more, there is so much to learn.

11. If the class were to be held again, would you recommend it to your neighbors?

Yes (24)

Comments: For sure. Yes – those who need to know. Of course. Excellent. I would strongly suggest this class to everyone around us. I'll copy my notes to my waterfront customers. Absolutely. Very much so. Definitely, it is very valuable information.

12. Was the food satisfactory?

Yes (20)

Comments: Excellent – the salad was huge – great that water was included. Thanks for having decaf coffee. Five star. Great (2). Yum. Very good (2). Great – thanks. Very – good job.

13. Was the class fee a disincentive from attending?

Yes (1)

No (21)

I was scholarshipped – thank you – so my fee was reasonable.

Comments: lot of value for \$20. Minimal – if we can afford waterfront, we should be able to afford \$20/day to hold on to it. No, it was fine, enough to guarantee folks will show up but not too much/ hopefully covers expenses.

14. What changes would you suggest if we were to hold the workshop again?

Have some heat in the building. None. Signage – simple map on flyer. Tell the meeting address – had to use Streets and Trips to find where to go. Burienites don't know where "Founder's Lodge" is. Include paper for notes or remind people to bring notebooks. Have it in the spring when immediate action for landscape is imminent. More specific to area type. Bulkheads – we must deal with that. Excellent workshop! Have materials for sale – books etc. More time with Elliott and bring in a plant expert. Better directions to Founders Building. More time spent on ivy! Print map or directions on initial flyer. The lighting in the Founder's Lodge is POOR. Start at 9:00. Desks with chairs. No major thoughts for change. More emphasis on consulting services – paid or complimentary (I need review of my property). Keep audience small and allow more time for questions. Printed version of slides and power point helps all attendees remember presentation. Thank you for letting me sit in. MY QUESTION: how would I schedule an expert to look at my bank?

15. Do you think you will read the handouts (i.e. usefulness)?

Yes (23)

Comments: Thoroughly over next week – also intend to go to websites. Overall, a very good seminar with diverse information. Thank you. Absolutely. I will read them. Extended reading list is appreciated. Excellent.